

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eamon Wall on 09/10/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

51. The system of claim ~~23~~ 42, wherein the set of instructions are attached to the electronic document.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In light of the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI), none of the prior art references either singularly or in combination teaches the limitation, ***prior to said prompting step, said user selects a set of instructions for abstracting the electronic document from a plurality of sets of instruction for***

abstracting the electronic document, each of said sets of instruction being customized, before selection thereof, to said electronic document, each of said sets of instructions configured to enable creation of a plurality of different abstracted versions of said electronic document.

Grefenstette teaches prompting a user to select an abstracted version of an electronic document to be created from a plurality of versions and creating the abstracted version for the document by executing instructions to customize the document and output the abstracted version. Grefenstette does not teach the instructions are customized before the selection thereof or that prior to said prompting step, the user selects a set of instructions for abstracting the electronic document from a plurality of sets of instruction for abstracting the electronic document, each of said sets of instruction being customized, before selection thereof, to said electronic document, each of said sets of instructions configured to enable creation of a plurality of different abstracted versions of said electronic document. In other words, Grefenstette does not allow different users to select different types of abstracts that each may need of the document (See BPAI Decision, page 10).

Katariya teaches customizing instructions before selection thereof where a plurality of weights are pre-assigned to respective portions of the electronic document to enable creation of the plurality of abstracted versions; however, Katariya does not teach that prior to said prompting step, the user selects a set of instructions for abstracting the electronic document from a plurality of sets of instruction for abstracting the electronic document, each of said sets of instruction being customized, before selection thereof, to

said electronic document, each of said sets of instructions configured to enable creation of a plurality of different abstracted versions of said electronic document. In other words, Katariya does not allow different users to select different types of abstracts that each may need of the document (See BPAI Decision, page 10).

Therefore, claims 40 and 42-55 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RACHNA S. DESAI whose telephone number is (571)272-4099. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30AM-6:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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